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(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))



APPLICATION ELEMENTS
See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 5]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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- Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: , filed .

Prior application information: Examiner Group Art Unit:

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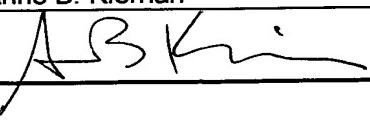
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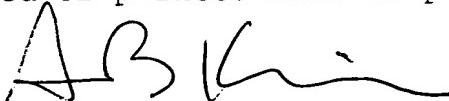
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